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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2014 as Gum Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of issues which affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2014 as Gum Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Gum Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York is to draw public attention to the dangers and widespread nature of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Gum Disease Awareness Month is an annual event aimed at helping people make lifelong improvements in their health and quality of life by sharing information and spreading awareness of the risk factors, signs and symptoms, and treatment options available in the fight against gum disease; and

WHEREAS, Gum Disease Awareness Month encourages all New Yorkers of all ages to take an active role in preventing gum disease, recognizing risk factors, getting diagnosed and seeking treatment, an initiative supported by the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry, a non-profit educational and research center dedicated to providing evidence-based clinical training in laser dentistry therapies; and

WHEREAS, Gum disease is one of the most common diseases in the United States, more prevalent than cancer, heart disease, and arthritis; the consequences can be serious, but the condition can be treated in every patient; and

WHEREAS, Mounting university research links gum disease to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, pre-term and still births and certain cancers; over 85% of American adults suffer from some degree of gum disease, but fewer than half are diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Often symptoms of gum disease are ignored until the disease is in advanced stages, when tooth loss is common; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is committed to educating the citizens of the State of New York about the widespread health threat of gum disease and the importance of prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2014 as Gum Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.